

June 19, 2001

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

I am honored to extend my support for the nomination of Dr. Robert Khayat for the National Science Board. I have known Robert for many years and can attest not only to his qualifications, but also to his reputation for maintaining excellence. He is an intelligent, hardworking and dedicated man who possesses all of the characteristics necessary for this position of leadership.

As Chancellor of The University of Mississippi, Dr. Khayat has set high standards and goals and has demonstrated his leadership capabilities by encouraging the students, faculty and others to achieve these goals and strive for excellence. Dr. Khayat has a strong work ethic and the National Science Board will benefit greatly from his hard work, dedication and commitment. In a profession that requires total dedication, Dr. Khayat has shown that he is willing to make the sacrifices necessary to succeed.

Dr. Khayat is a natural born leader, and based on his accomplishments, he has demonstrated his worthiness for accepting both the challenges and responsibilities of this position. He possesses the intelligence, drive and determination needed to lift the National Science Board to new heights.

Thank you for considering this request to nominate Dr. Robert Khayat to serve on the National Science Board. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,

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